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DEVICE, DIFFRACTION GRATING DEVICE, AND
ILLUMINATION OPTICAL SYSTEM
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RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

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